

United States Pentagon. On January 17, 1969, as a helicopter pilot during the Vietnam war, Major An saved the lives of four United States servicemen.

The account of that incident shows clearly that this is an individual to whom this country owes a great debt. The June 4, 1969 announcement of the U.S. Military Assistance Command's decision to award him the Distinguished Flying Cross stated:

Captain An distinguished himself by heroic action on 17 January 1969 while serving as Flight Leader and Aircraft Commander, 219th Squadron, 41st Wing, Vietnamese Air Force. On that date, Captain An was called upon to lead his flight deep into enemy held territory to insert a platoon of Special Forces personnel into a bomb crater landing zone. His ship was taken under enemy automatic weapons fire on his approach but he steadfastly continued with this cargo of troops. While he was a high orbit, one of the United States Army helicopters in his flight was hit in the fuel cell by a heavy caliber round during a climb from the jungle clearing.

Captain An sighted the burning helicopter and entered a high speed dive to overtake it. As he flew next to his American comrades, he accurately vectored them toward what appeared to be a suitable forced landing area. When he saw that ground obstacles would preclude a safe landing, he deftly maneuvered his aircraft and the Army helicopter away from the landing zone and vectored them toward another jungle clearing.

While the crippled ship was making its approach into the tall elephant grass, Captain An, with complete disregard for his own safety, landed a scant few feet away. Here he calmly awaited his beleaguered comrades and directed his crew chief to cut a path to their ship.

Captain An's heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam.

The testaments of the U.S. servicemen whose lives he saved are equally compelling. With a record such as this, one would think it would be easy for Major An to do what he has sought to do for 20 years, immigrate to America.

Unfortunately, Major An's case does not fit neatly into the categories in which Vietnamese refugees travel to the United States.

U.S. law grants permanent residence to officers of the South Vietnamese Army who spent at least three years in the so-called red-education camps reestablished by the communist regime.

Major An, however, did not spend 3 years in the camps. In 1970, as part of another mission, he was wounded and both his arms were amputated. When South Vietnam fell, he was sent to the re-education camps.

Unable to take care of himself because of his disability, he was expelled from the camp. Over the past two decades he has tried repeatedly to come to the United States, but was captured each time.

Col. Noburo Masuoka—USAF, retired—contacted me on Major An's behalf in April 1992. It took almost 2 years to get the necessary waivers and permission for him to leave Vietnam and come to the United States. But the Clinton administration's decision to grant him humanitarian parole, Major An and his daughter Kim Ngoc Nguyen, arrived in the San Francisco Bay area in January 1994.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, humanitarian parole does not constitute permanent permission to remain in the United States. Major An

and his daughter deserve permanent residency status, and the bill I am introducing today will grant them that status.

I would like to thank my good friend, Representative LAMAR SMITH, the chair of the Immigration and Claims Subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee for his help and the help of his staff in putting this bill together.

It is my hope that we can move this bill forward, but through the red tape which has entangled Major An's case for so many years, and demonstrate our respect and admiration for the noble self-sacrifice of this truly American hero. I urge all my colleagues to join me in that effort.

IN RECOGNITION OF ROBERT R.
MCMILLAN

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 21, 1995

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Robert R. McMillan on his appointment to Key Bank's board of directors.

Mr. McMillan is currently a partner in the law firm of McMillan, Rather, Bennett & Rigano, P.C. with offices located in Melville and Garden City.

During the course of his career, Mr. McMillan has served as vice president for Avon Products, Inc. and government relations advisor for Mobile Oil. In addition he has been counsel to U.S. Senator Kenneth Keating, an honor graduate attorney in the antitrust division of the U.S. Department of Justice and special assistant to Richard Nixon prior to his Presidency.

In 1987, McMillan founded the Long Island Housing Partnership, Inc. of which he is currently chairman. Due to his work with the partnership, he was named 1992 Entrepreneur of the Year for the most socially responsible company on Long Island.

Mr. McMillan is an active member of our community, holding board positions with Lumex, Inc., Empire Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Old Westbury Gardens and the Institute for Community Development. For 5 years, Mr. McMillan was a member of the board of directors of the Panama Canal Commission, where he served as chairman for 1993-94. In addition, Mr. McMillan writes a weekly newspaper column and is cohost of the public affairs television show "Face-Off."

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege and distinct pleasure to bring Mr. Robert McMillan to the attention of my colleagues and hope they will join me in saluting Mr. McMillan for his demonstrated commitment to our Long Island community.

HONORING THE AMERICAN
HERITAGE CLUB

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 21, 1995

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American Heritage Club and the club's faculty sponsor, Mr. Larry Wong, and school superintendent Ginger Shattuck.

Under Larry Wong's leadership, the American Heritage Club has provided hundreds of

scholarships to students in the Norwalk/La Mirada Unified School District. Over the past 16 years, Larry has organized and participated in numerous academic field trips to Washington, DC. For over 30 years, Larry has taught our students how to be leaders in their community and the value of participating in our democratic society. An energetic supporter and backbone of the American Heritage Club has been superintendent Ginger Shattuck. On March 18, the American Heritage Club dedicated its 1995 luau to Ginger for her tireless efforts and commitment to the club. Our community is stronger and richer because of the American Heritage Club's spirit of cultural and intellectual enrichment.

Mr. Speaker, it is with pride that I rise to recognize the American Heritage Club for encouraging so many young people to become leaders and I ask my colleagues to join this salute.

TWO WONDERFUL INSTITUTIONS

HON. JOSEPH M. MCDADE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 21, 1995

Mr. MCDADE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate two important milestones: The 150th anniversary of the founding of the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; and the 80th anniversary of Marywood College, the institution established by the Sisters in Scranton, PA.

The Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary was founded in 1845 by a redemptorist priest and three women led by Theresa Maxis Duchemin, the first African-American woman to become a Catholic Sister. Their mission was directed to service and to education, with a devotion to helping the poor, the oppressed, and the neglected. The Sisters established schools in many industrial areas, seeking to foster the aspirations of working people's children.

In keeping with that mission, the Sisters established Marywood College in 1915 to provide opportunities in higher education to women. Today a coeducational liberal arts college, Marywood College, continues to be guided by the principles demonstrated by the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The college has prepared students to live responsibly in an interdependent world, while fostering the knowledge that a loving, personal God exists and that each person has a right to enjoy the world that God has provided.

Marywood College has diversified its programs to help equip students for satisfying and productive careers. Numerous professional programs have been created toward this goal, many of which are in the helping professions in keeping with the college's tradition of service. Additionally, Marywood's four schools address a variety of concerns like attention to the needs of military families, education in advanced communications technologies, and ministry to regional migrant workers.

I have had the great pleasure of witnessing the growth of this regional college into a respected institution catering to a diversity of